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Conference with [REDACTED] 22 June 1960

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The meeting was arranged at [REDACTED] request. He showed me [REDACTED] article on the shift of the Soviet station, Lazaryev, into the interior which did not contain anything new since I had reported this to him previously on at least two occasions. I then took the occasion to advise him that this shift to a more permanent site was not associated with any plans to build a base for long-range aircraft as had been reported 18 February 1960 by an Australian Overseas Broadcast. This erroneous Australian broadcast had led to some unwarranted misgivings among some of the other countries interested in Antarctica.

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I then showed [REDACTED] a new item of a Sydney dateline (Dec. 4) announcing a joint Soviet and Australian oceanographic survey in the little-explored Indian Ocean. After a lengthy background explanation of our recent verification of Soviet gravity observations between Antarctica and all the major continents, [REDACTED] and the gravity work on the continent, [REDACTED] was told that Soviet gravity work has now been definitely identified as being geodetic in nature and objective (and not just for glaciological studies). Such work was described as (1) essential to the development of a satellite tracking capability for the Soviets in the southern hemisphere; (2) important to the Soviet development of a world geodetic system; and (3) essential if the Soviets were to try to impact a long-range missile in Antarctica for GEP tests. I stressed that this was not intended to arouse alarm over this development -- long in the making, and impossible to forestall -- but rather to point up the duplicity in Soviet international relations. The long Soviet record of refusing to share gravity data was reviewed, including refusal to date to provide Antarctic HFI gravity data to the International Gravity Bureau in Paris. I cautioned [REDACTED] that unless a hard approach was taken [REDACTED] there was little likelihood that the Soviets would release any of their gravity data either from their past or

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future oceanographic surveys. Thus the Soviets would continue to build up their military capabilities under the guise of international cooperation and keeping the Free World at a disadvantage by refusing to divulge data which the Soviets recognize as strategic. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] indicated that he proposed to send off a note to [REDACTED] immediately for whatever action 25X1X7 he may deem appropriate in advising [REDACTED] of Soviet duplicity in this particular field.

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